

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board

3b. GSA Committee No.

618

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

08/22/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

08/22/2020

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

5 U.S.C. Appendix

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Wild Free Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971

13. Effective Date

12/15/1971

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1 Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
The Advisory Board gathers and analyzes current information on wild horse and burro management and considers relevant public comments in order to offer advice and develop recommendations from a national perspective for the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Chief of the Forest Service on the management and protection of wild horses and burros.	10/18/2017	10/19/2017

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$11,525.00	\$12,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$30,000.00	\$35,000.00

18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$3,500.00	\$7,500.00
18d. Total	\$68,025.00	\$77,500.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.70	0.70

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Advisory Board examines challenging issues facing the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service in managing wild horses and burros and provides recommendations to address these issues. During FY 2018, the Advisory Board met once and provided recommendations on high priority areas including reaching appropriate management levels, research being undertaken on more effective contraceptive vaccines and neuter and spay techniques to manage population growth and initiatives to move more animals into private care and thus reducing costs to the tax-payer for caring for horses off-range. Advisory Board members are highly engaged and serve as external experts on BLM-formed working groups.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Advisory Board membership is balanced in terms of categories of interest represented and geographic locations. Each member, who, based on their professional background, training, experience and/or affiliation, has knowledge or special expertise that qualifies him or her to provide advice from among the listed categories. Advisory Board members who serve as representatives are in the positions of wild horse and burro advocacy; wild horse and burro research; humane advocacy; wildlife management; livestock management; natural resource management; veterinary medicine; and two positions representing public interest: one with a focus on equine behavior and one with a focus on protection of wild horses and burros, management of wildlife, animal husbandry and/or natural resource management.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Advisory Board generally meets twice a year, and may meet up to four times a year according to the Charter if the DFO deems necessary. The Committee meetings are highly relevant, providing the BLM and the USFS with recommendations aimed at addressing the most pressing issues and needs.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

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20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

In FY 2018, the Advisory Board made 7 recommendations to the BLM. The Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board gives interested publics, wild horse and burro advocates, livestock interests, wildlife organizations, and other users of the public lands a chance to voice their opinions to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service in a public setting. The Advisory Board meetings have been instrumental in assisting the BLM with providing information to the general public on program issues.

Designated Federal Officer

Kristin Bail BLM Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Carlisle, Celeste	09/17/2018	09/17/2021	Wildlife Biologist, Return to Freedom	Representative Member
French, James	10/16/2017	10/16/2020	Nevada Commissioner	Representative Member
Kathrens, Virginia	03/21/2016	03/21/2019	Executive Director, The Cloud Foundation	Representative Member
Lenz, Tom	09/17/2018	09/17/2021	Veterinarian	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Masters, Benjamin	03/21/2016	03/21/2019	Wildlife Management	Representative Member
McDonnell, Sue	10/16/2017	10/16/2020	Clinical Associate/Adjunct Professor of Reproduction and Behavior	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Perryman, Barry	03/30/2015	03/30/2018	Professor of Rangeland Ecology & Management	Representative Member
Woehl, Fred	10/16/2017	10/16/2020	Retired	Representative Member
Yardley, Steven	03/21/2016	03/21/2019	Livestock	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 9

Narrative Description

The Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board provides advice concerning the management, protection, and control of wild free-roaming horses and burros on public lands administered by the Department of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the Department of Agriculture, through the U.S. Forest Service.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety



Trust in government



Major policy changes



Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

The Board allows for the input from individuals from outside the government with special training and expertise in the fields of wild horse and burro advocacy, humane advocacy, livestock management, wildlife management, equine research, veterinary medicine, natural resources management, equine behavior, and public interest.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

Analysis has not been done to determine cost savings associated with the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board. However, the recommendations made by the Board are highly valued by the BLM and the Forest Service and have an influence on strategic direction and program priorities.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

327

Number of Recommendations Comments

Since 1998, the Board has made 327 recommendations. The BLM is still determining its response to six (6) of the seven (7) recommendations made at the September 2016 and seven (7) recommendations made at the October 2017 Board meetings. Thus, the 13

recommendations are not reflected in the statistics below.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

69%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The BLM has accepted 249 of 314 recommendations (79%). Of these, implementation is complete for 170 recommendations.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

31%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Implementation is still underway for the remaining 77 recommendations. Many recommendations are broad in scope, complex, and/or involve multiple activities and actions taken over time.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

One of the recommendations the Board made at the September 2016 meeting is included in the President's FY18 Budget. Feedback is provided to the Board by written reports and presentations giving the results of analysis and research completed on each recommendation. These materials are usually provided at the next meeting.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO



Online Agency Web Site



Online Committee Web Site



Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other

**Access Comments**

N/A